

TUBANTIA LIKELY STRUCK MINE, IT IS SAID IN BERLIN

Semi-Officially Stated that Dutch Ship Probably Hit Explosive and Reuter's Hears No Americans On.

ALL PERSONS ON BOARD SAVED

Earlier Reports Indicated U. S. Citizens Among Passengers and that Boat Torpedoed.

REPORTS ARE CONFLICTING

BERLIN, March 16.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—It is semi-officially stated here, says the Overseas News agency, that the Dutch steamship Tubantia, which is reported to have sunk near the Noordhinder lightship, most probably struck a mine.

LONDON, March 16.—A later dispatch from Reuter's correspondent at Ymuiden says it now is stated that there were no American citizens on board the Tubantia. There were four Brazilians, two Chileans, one Russian and one native of Switzerland on board, he says.

LONDON, March 16.—"It is now certain the Tubantia was torpedoed without warning," telegraphs the Amsterdam correspondent of the Central News. "There were three Americans on board. They were Richard Schilling, an American consul; Emma Schilling and Carmen Schilling."

A wireless dispatch sent from the Tubantia last night was given out by Reuter's correspondent at Ymuiden, Holland, that the steamship was torpedoed. The correspondent asserts there were Americans on board.

Text of Wireless Message. The wireless message, which was signed "First wireless operator," was received last night at Ymuiden by the ward of Schevelingen, Holland, and is quoted as follows: "Tubantia torpedoed and lost. Am now leaving ship with captain. Don't worry." Among the passengers Reuter's correspondent says were "Some Americans and German women."

The London agents of the Tubantia state that it carried numbered 200. They have no information as to the number of passengers who embarked at Amsterdam.

A Reuter dispatch from Ymuiden, however, says that the Tubantia carried forty-two first class, thirty-three second class, and eight third class passengers, and a general cargo and mail.

A Reuter dispatch from the Hook of Holland says that a wireless message has been received there stating that the large Dutch passenger steamship Tubantia, outward bound from Amsterdam to the River Plata, has been torpedoed and is sinking in a shallow condition near the Noordhinder lightship. All the passengers have been taken off in boats.

The London agents of the steamship Tubantia, which is owned by the Holland-Lloyd of Amsterdam, have received a message saying the vessel struck a mine and is sinking. Another dispatch says the Tubantia was torpedoed.

The steamship, which is of 15,000 tons gross, left Amsterdam yesterday for Buenos Ayres. It was to have stopped at Pernambuco and Penha de França, where the majority of the passengers were to have been taken aboard.

A life saving boat has left the Hook of Holland to search for the sinking vessel and Dutch torpedo vessels are leaving Flushing to hurry to the rescue of the ship's passengers in the lifeboats.

The Tubantia was built in Glasgow in 1913 and is 540 feet long and 55 feet beam. It left Buenos Ayres on February 4 for Amsterdam and was reported as having passed Fernando Noronha on February 14.

Schilling Is Not Consul. WASHINGTON, March 16.—State department officials say there is no Richard Schilling in the consular service. The records fail to show any man of similar name in any other capacity.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Friday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity Fair; warmer.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Table with 2 columns: Hour, Deg. (10:00-8:00)

Comparative Local Records.

Highest yesterday, 51; lowest, 27; mean, 39.

Station and State Temp. High, Low, Rain.

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AMERICAN CAMP BELOW BORDER

All Branches of Service Represented in Main Force Which Marched from Columbus.

PERSHING HEADS SMALLER BODY

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 16.—(Via Mail to El Paso, Tex.)—The American expedition which entered Mexico yesterday spent an uneventful night, encamped but a short distance across the American line.

Methodical as Practice March. Despite the rigorous censorship, which closed all wires, telegraph and telephone, to military news, the story of the crossing got out in one form or another by devious ways. The facts were as follows:

About 10 o'clock yesterday morning the troops fell in at their camp in full marching order. The order to move came about 11 and was answered by a shout from the men. Then the column started out. Cowboys off the range, enrolled as scouts, and cavalry led the way.

Pershing Goes in Other Direction. General Pershing accompanied the force as far as the border, but he came back later in the afternoon and took another direction to the flank with a part of the troops.

The troops taking part in the movement numbered about 5,000 and were composed of the Thirteenth cavalry, the Sixth and Sixteenth infantry and other details that had been encamped here.

During the preceding night it is said that Colonel Stocum met Colonel Davila of the Mexicans, who promised that no resistance would be made to crossing the border. At any rate, there was no resistance made, but the entire Mexican population in Palomas, soldiers and civilians, with one exception, cleared away.

Flying Conditions Ideal. Some aeroplanes are believed to have passed in with the expedition in motor trucks, but only one was seen flying about here and that last evening. Flying conditions, owing to the clearness of the atmosphere, are ideal, but for local topography, the army will have to use cowboys as guides.

Toward sundown, while the first aeroplane ever seen in Columbus, was skimming the sky to the south, news came back with the report that the expedition had encamped for the night without any incident to report. It is said in Columbus (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

American Cavalry Lieutenant Kills Self at Columbus

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 16.—Word was received at southern department headquarters from Houston of the suicide of First Lieutenant Edward M. Zell, Eleventh cavalry, at Columbus, N. M., early Thursday.

Lieutenant Zell was famous at West Point as a star member of the base ball and foot ball teams, having returned to the school several times to coach. He is survived by his widow and two children at Fort Oglethorpe.

It was suggested at Fort Sam Houston today that the machine of the first aero squadron be used to enable General Pershing to make swift trips back and forth across the border.

Major Malvern Hill Barnum, chief-of-staff to General Funston, today announced that the scattered patrol forces along the border had been instructed to report all disturbances direct to headquarters here. Hitherto these details have been reported direct to the nearest commanding officer.

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OBJECT OF AMERICAN PURSUIT IN MEXICO—Francisco Villa and his staff, resting after a hard, long dash over the plains of Mexico on one of his recent raids. Arrow points to Villa. His horse is the one on the right.



VILLA AND HIS STAFF

FRANK SHERCLIFFE IS GIVEN A PARDON

Granted Unconditional Release by Colorado Governor on Recommendation of Pardon Board.

WAS SERVING 25-YEAR TERM

DENVER, March 16.—Frank Shercliffe, alias Sherman W. Morris, serving a twenty-five-year sentence for murder in the Colorado penitentiary, was granted an unconditional pardon late today by Governor Carlson on the recommendation of the State Board of Pardon.

Shercliffe is serving a twenty-five-year term for the murder in 1908 of John W. Walsh, a miner of Leadville. Three times in six years the pardon board has passed upon Shercliffe's application for freedom, but in each instance, it is said, his release was opposed by the governor.

Board's Statement. After reviewing the case, the board in a formal statement said: "It is the unanimous opinion of the board that Shercliffe is not guilty of the offense for which he was incarcerated in the Colorado prison; that he was not sent to the penitentiary to vindicate any wrong he had done, but because he had turned from his past crimes and against criminal associates and gave aid to the state to punish wrongdoers. We feel that it is the duty of the state to sustain a man in his effort to aid the state by providing evidence rather than to permit him to be punished for it."

Whited Says Bryan Is Demagogue. R. W. Whited, 275 North Twenty-sixth street, the Omaha man who filed a protest with Secretary of State Pool against the appearance of the name of William J. Bryan on the democratic primary ballot as a candidate for delegate-at-large from Nebraska to the democratic national convention to be held in St. Louis in June, declared that he represented a "faction" of Nebraska Wilson democrats.

Strikers at Cudahy Plant at Sioux City Return to Work. SIOUX CITY, Ia., March 16.—Nearly all of the 1,000 strikers of the Cudahy plant returned to work this morning, after being on a strike since Monday.

Check for Forty-Three Millions. NEW YORK, March 16.—A check for \$43,332,311, one of the largest ever paid in the United States, passed through the New York clearing house today.

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Interurban Line Wins Famous Damage Case. WATERLOO, Ia., March 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The jury in the personal injury action for damages in the famous Charles Scribner case returned a verdict for the defendant. This ends the long litigation in which the child once was awarded \$5,000 for injury, but will now receive nothing from the Waterloo, Cedar Falls and Northern Railway company.

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DEMOCRACY OF BRYAN TO THE TEST

Secretary Pool to Decide it on Complaint of R. W. Whited of Omaha.

WOULD KEEP NAME OFF BALLOT

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Secretary of State Pool is to sit in the same and decide the merits and demerits of the case at 2 o'clock Saturday, March 18. That he will use the wisdom of a Solomon and the nerve of a hero to decide the matter is generally admitted. Mr. Whited says:

In my letter of March 4 I stated that I wished to file objection to W. J. Bryan, also C. W. Bryan, filing under the petition as a democrat or using the word democrat in connection with their filing for delegate-at-large or for governor. You state that under section 21 that objection shall be made within three days after the filing has been made. I am informed that one W. J. Bryan has filed his name as a democrat to be delegate-at-large to the democratic national convention to be held in St. Louis. I do not now hereby file a protest against W. J. Bryan using the name democrat in any connection with his filing in Nebraska. I do hereby file a protest against W. J. Bryan using the name democrat in any connection with his filing for office.

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BERNSTORFF SAYS NO U-BOAT DID IT

German Ambassador Asserts No German Submarine Sank Norwegian Bark Silius.

NOTIFIES STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, under instruction from his government, formally notified the State department today that no German submarine was concerned in the sinking of the Norwegian bark Silius, from which seven American members of the crew were rescued.

The ambassador's memorandum also said the German government had not believed from the first that a German submarine torpedoed the Silius because such an attack upon a neutral ship was directly contrary to instructions under which submarine commanders are operating.

Announcement that the Berlin government had found after investigation that none of its submarines had made the attack was contained in last night's news dispatches from abroad.

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